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FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1916.

The Apache scouts who led the American expeditionary force into Mexico wore sun goggles and wrist watches. Some change since days of old Geronimo.

Hazing has long been abolished in most of our educational institutions. It never had a leg to stand on. It was supposed to be a method to curb haughty freshmen, but it was really a sign of the superiority which other freshmen were supposed to assume to the new comers. The drastic stand which the present management of Norwich university has taken against hazing will be generally approved. The expulsion of three students and the indefinite suspension of the entire sophomore class is likely to teach the young upstarts a lesson which they will remember.

The Rev. J. B. Reardon of Barre opened up a debatable subject in the Democratic state convention when he blamed the Republicans for unpreparedness. The question has arisen largely as a result of the European war since the present administration came into power. For years Americans have dwelt in smug complacency, thinking themselves to be safe with the ocean separating them from any first-class power. The possibilities of warfare have been revealed by the land and sea fighting in the titanic struggle abroad, and our Mexican embargo has shown our abject weakness, but still the powers in Washington are unable to agree on any definite program of adequate preparation or defense.

Major Leonard Wood still insists that our preparedness must come through teaching soldier's work to all. At Plattsburg the other day in one of his talks he made this concrete statement: "We must build up some organized system of defense based upon a good regular army, a first-class navy, and a first-class Federal militia, with a general training for our citizens. Take our population of about 104,000,000 against 4,000,000 in Switzerland, and compare our military condition with theirs. There is a lesson in that. Take our individual lack of discipline; there is a lesson in that. Take these racial groups. There is a mighty serious lesson in that, and you are making for Americanism when you get them together doing something for our country at the same time, all shoulder to shoulder—rich and poor alike."

When the supreme court of the United States renders a unanimous decision and records its judgment in emphatic terms, we may be pretty sure that the decision is right and needed, and that is what it has done in the case involving the constitutionality of a Wisconsin statute, which proposed to revoke the license to do business in that state of any outside corporation which sought to remove into a federal court any action brought against it by a citizen of Wisconsin. The supreme court holds that the rights of citizens of the United States cannot be taken away from them by any state in that manner, and rebuked the attempt sharply. There has been no such attempt to put state rights and author-

ity above the federal constitution since the Southern states passed their ordinances of secession. Luckily the word of the supreme court now avails to put all such attempts on the legislative scrap-heap.

The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on"

Last week The Meddler predicted a few early developments in county politics. Since then they have all developed according to schedule. John H. Ware of Townshend has announced his candidacy for senator, which means that E. A. Melendy of Londonderry will not enter the race. Hermon E. Eddy of Brattleboro also has made formal statement of his ambition to be a senator, which means that there will be a contest for this office at the primaries since there are only two places for senatorial candidates on the Republican ticket and three aspirants are in the field already. Mr. Eddy ought to prove a factor in the campaign, for he not only stands unusually high in Brattleboro where he has lived for the past 15 years or so, but also in the West River valley, of which he is a product. In fact, about the only possible thing that can be said against him is the fact that he is connected with a law firm that represents large corporate interests, and those who know him personally will not hesitate to support him on that account because they know he is not the kind of a man to let any professional connection he might have influence in the slightest his course as a legislator. There is no doubt that Mr. Eddy will be able to poll a much larger vote in this town than any outside candidate, and this alone gives him a considerable advantage.

At this time last week O. R. Clayton of Londonderry was the only avowed candidate for the office of state's attorney, but now he has company in the persons of William R. Daley of Brattleboro and Fred B. Pingree of Bellows Falls. Messrs. Clayton and Pingree have in their favor the custom that has alternated the office between the north and south ends of the county, but to offset this Mr. Daley can put up a pretty sound argument along the line of experience. There is no doubt that he has had more active general practice than either of his opponents in addition to having served one term as state's attorney in Bennington county. In the opinion of The Meddler the custom of passing the office of state's attorney around among young or inexperienced attorneys for the sake of giving them a chance to make a reputation is absolutely wrong, and the quicker it is abandoned the better for the peace and dignity of the state and the safety of the general public.

Local automobilists ought to make it a point to attend the meeting which the selectmen and village commissioners have arranged for tomorrow evening for the purpose of discussing the proposed traffic regulations. Even if there does seem to be general satisfaction with the rules which have been drawn up and published good is likely to come from a further discussion of them for the better they are understood at the outset the easier they will be to enforce and the better the enforcement the safer all concerned.

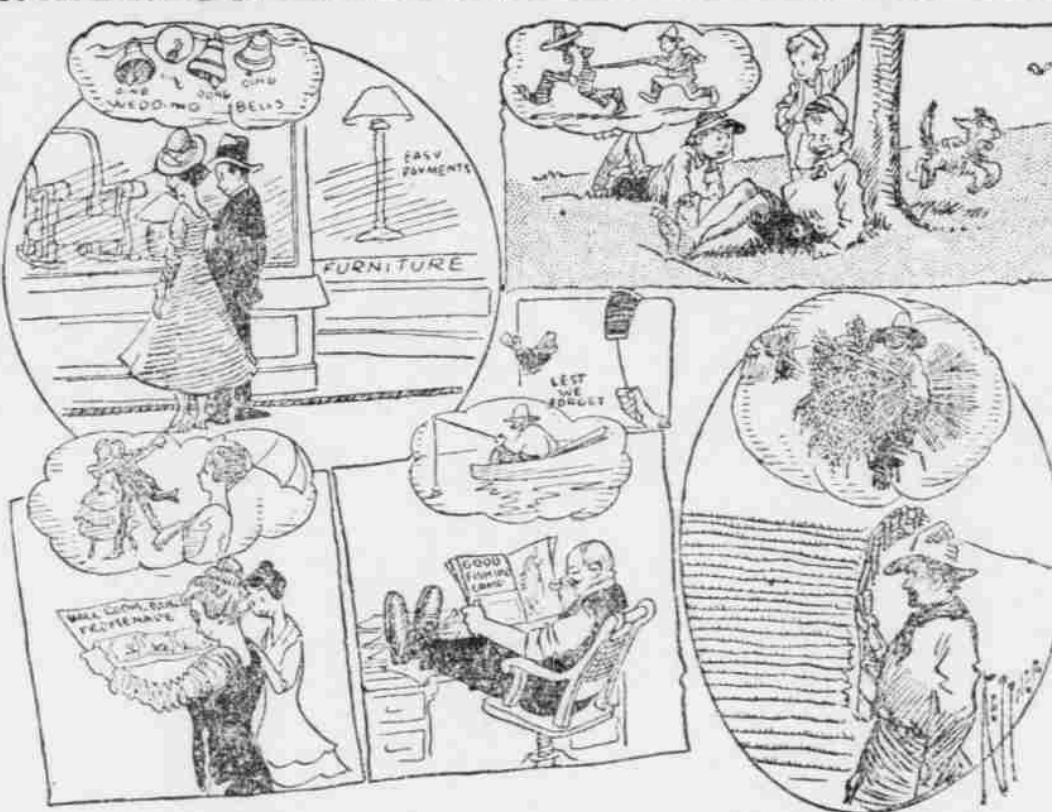
At this season of the year, when commencement gowns and programs are in process of construction and arrangement, many people of an older year are planning to attend alumni gatherings—or planning not to attend them. Every year the former spend considerable time and money, not to mention effort, to attend some class reunion, only to find that some classmate in the next street has remained away because he wasn't interested, or because he thought alumni gatherings childish or beneath his dignity. Twenty or twenty-five years, to be sure, may do a number of things to us, and may possibly dampen our enthusiasm for various forms of entertainment; but unless our class spirit is so minute that it and 47 other spirits could pay prisoner's base on a mustard seed without getting in each other's way, we'll brace up and be among those present this year. We may not be tremendously interested—we may be even distinctly bored—but nevertheless we owe it to our class and to our school, and most of all we owe it to the boys or girls we used to be.

Will Draft Hughes.

(Randolph Herald and News.)

Vermont drafted Governor Gates and the nation will draft Justice Hughes. The only difference in the status is that Gates, while disclaiming a candidacy, consented to accept if nominated. Hughes will not even go that far. The nomination, if it comes to him, will come without so much as a nod on his part. If elected under conditions like these—probably unprecedented in the country's history—Hughes would be independent of everybody and every interest. Those who heard him speak at Hotel Champlain when governor of New York will readily believe that this is the only way in which he would care to take the presidency. He will wear

SPRING DAY DREAMS



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RANNDOM REELS

by Howard L. Rann

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PRIZE-FIGHTING

Prize-fighting is an ancient and honorable occupation which is frowned upon by the press and clergy and occasionally sat upon by the majesty of the law. It is the only substitute for the Spanish bull fight that is tolerated in this country, with the exception of the Yale-Harvard football match. Why is it that people will go to a football game and witness the gruesome activity of the ambulance squad, as it goes around picking up splintered shinbones and fractured kneecaps, and yet object to prize-fighting, which seldom kills anybody who was licensed to live under the state law?

Prize-fighting consists of an amicable arrangement between two highly unscrupulous citizens by which one agrees to knock the other into a cold, passive state or forfeit the esteem of the community and the gate receipts. If they were not for the gate receipts and the motion-picture rights, there would be no prize-fighting except the unmediated, back-alley variety. It has gotten so now that a good prize-fighter with cauliflower ears and a championship record can make more money in thirty minutes of actual work than a

Chauteauqua lecturer in a lifetime of manual labor. It sometimes seems as if this country offers too great rewards to mere brawn and muscle and not enough to brains, otherwise there would not be so much C. O. D. business done with the newspaper fraternity.

The life of a prize-fighter is full of ups and downs, and when he has met with three or four downs in rapid succession he is about as much of a drawing card as a fixed horse race at the county fair. The prize-fighter is not popular in refined circles, and in some states cannot even operate on the moving-picture screen without being confiscated. This causes one to wonder why the picture censor will pass a reel containing four lifelike murders, a poison scene and a duplex suicide by jumping off a cliff, and yet bar a ten-round boxing match in which nobody is injured except the promoter.

Prize-fighting was brought to the United States from England, but has been made perfectly harmless by lazing sofa pillows on the hands of the contestants. People who sigh for the good old bare-knuckle days should not repine, but take in a six-day bicycle race and be at rest.

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MRS. DUCK GIVES TEA-DANCE.

"There was great mirth and merriment in Fairyland the other day," said Daddy, "when every little Fairy, and the Queen of the Fairies, received an invitation to a Tea-Dance to be given the following afternoon in Lily Pond by Mrs. Quack Duck."

"It was the funniest kind of a Party you can possibly imagine. In the first place Mrs. Quack Duck had heard that Dancing was very fashionable up in Grown-Up-People's world, so she decided she would lead the fashion in the Lily Pond."

"Now Lily Pond was the Pond always chosen by the Ducks when they wanted to have an especially fine party. Of course they wouldn't have enjoyed any Party not in some sort of a Pond as you know how the Ducks love the water."

"Well, when they were all invited to be at Lily Pond at three o'clock promptly they knew it would be a very grand affair."

"Mrs. Quack Duck was dressed in her very best. She wore a black and white speckled dress, which looked very fine. She greeted her guests with many 'Quack-quacks', which in the Duck world means 'How-do-you-do.' She made the Fairies her very best courtesies which were so funny the Fairies could hardly keep from laughing. But as they didn't want to hurt Mrs. Quack Duck's feelings they looked very solemn."

"Mrs. Quack Duck then began to give directions. She told all her Guests they must take their Partners for the Duck-Wobble which was a Dance she had invented in their honor. And first she gave them an exhibition of how it should be Danced."

"All the Ducks certainly Wobbled with a great deal of ease, for it seemed to be just the Dance made for them. They thought they were very graceful, but how you Children would have laughed if you could have seen this party!"

"Mrs. Quack Duck gave prizes for

the halter of no boss and will not, in the conduct of the nation's business, feel under the slightest obligation to any individual or interest that might be pressed upon him had he sought the office. It will be worth while to have one president free from the restraint of undue influence and with the knowledge that he has no political debts to pay out of the public service.

GROVE.

Otis Amidon has bought a six-cylinder Buick automobile.
Ralph Wheeler of Simsbury, Conn.,

spent the week-end with his father, W. E. Wheeler.

Miss Clara Worden, who is working for Mrs. Minnie Prouty, was at home over Sunday.

Several from this part of the town attended the auction at the Jones farm in West Halifax Tuesday.

Mrs. Andrew Worden is ill with diphtheria and is under the care of Dr. Cram of Colrain. Ruth Wheeler is assisting with the housework.

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CIVIL SERVICE OPENINGS.

Dates Announced for Open Competitive Examinations Here.

The United States civil service commission announces the following open competitive examinations to be held in Brattleboro on the dates mentioned to fill existing vacancies in different parts of the United States:

June 20—Salvage superintendent at from \$4 to \$6 per diem; June 21—Master mechanic at \$7.44 per diem; apprentice draftsman and photographer, \$600 to \$900 per diem; telephone engineer at \$1,800 per annum; assistant physicist (qualified in spectroscopy), \$1,400 to \$1,800 per annum. The salary of aid in the coast and geodetic survey has been increased from \$900 per annum to \$90 per month.

The examination for assistant in poisonous plant investigations, salary \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year, has been postponed from May 17 to May 31. The bookkeeper examinations will probably not be held before the spring of 1917. Should the needs of the service require such examinations to be held before that time they will be duly announced in the press. Further details in regard to these examinations may be obtained from the posters in the lobby of the local postoffice. Application blanks should be obtained from the U. S. civil service commission, Washington, D. C., or the district secretary for the commission, Boston, Mass.

Everyday Wisdom

By D. O. H. H.

Who remembers when the newspapers were rich with typographical errors, even as a raisin cake is enriched with raisins? Today it is necessary to go far into the rural districts to find an interesting newspaper and to encounter that rare intellectual treat, the typographical error. A typographical error stirs the deepest critical faculties, and the discovery of one is one of the greatest compensations for country living. Give us the good old country-paper with fish-hooks and color buttons and nails all mixed in with the type.

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